



Jesus said: "My children, I will be with you only a little while longer. I give you a new commandment: love one another." - Jn 13:33a, 34a

Readings for the Week of May 2, 2010	
Sunday:	Acts 14:21-27/Rv 21:1-5a/Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35
Monday:	1 Cor 15:1-8/Jn 14:6-14
Tuesday:	Acts 14:19-28/Jn 14:27-31a
Wednesday:	Acts 15:1-6/Jn 15:1-8
Thursday:	Acts 15:7-21/Jn 15:9-11
Friday:	Acts 15:22-31/Jn 15:12-17
Saturday:	Acts 16:1-10/Jn 15:18-21
Next Sunday:	Acts 15:1-2, 22-29/Rv 21:10-14, 22-23/Jn 14:23-29

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Faith Formation Question of the Week

**Fifth Easter of Sunday
"Love One Another"**

Key Passage Jesus said, "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another" John 13:34

Adult When have you seen the power of love overcome a bad situation?

Child Do you believe love is stronger than hate? Why?
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FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

Jim Russell, chairman 767-4398. The weekly offertory has been extremely low in the past few weeks due to vacations. Please remember that while you're on vacation, the church's expenses are not. Making up for those missed Sundays is extremely important to the financial health of our parish. Thank you for your assistance.

Weekly Goal	\$6,432
Offertory Collection April 25, 2010	\$4,275
Weekly Electronic Giving	<u>772</u>
Total	\$5,047

Cathedral High School's Class of 1960 is planning its 50th Reunion and is trying to locate the following classmates:

- Mary Demers
- Sandra Johnson
- Nancy Tibbetts
- Doris Bellefeuille Poland
- Nadine Miceli
- Roberta Glynn

Please contact Diane McAvoy LaPointe with any information at 899-4636.



Small Blessings

Parents with their infants and preschool children are invited to attend our last gathering on **Monday May 10th from 10:00-11:00 a.m. at Fort Williams playground**. In case of rain we will meet at St. Bartholomew to play in the nursery. FMI contact Emily Garvin at esgarvin@yahoo.com



Chester's Kids Children's Liturgy of the Word

May 9 – 6th Sunday of Easter(C)
9 AM Prayer & Reader: Sue Guerette
Homilist: Stephanie Bowe
11 AM Prayer & Homilist: Anya Staszko
Homilist: Lynn Blank



Faith friends Grades 2, 3, & 4. May 11th

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GOOD NEWS DISCIPLES Grade 5 & 6. May 11th

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JYM 1-2 pm on May 2nd. Hitched: The Sacrament of Holy Matrimony

YM 1-2 pm on May 2nd. Bound Together: Discernment and Community

Faith Formation Registration Weekend

Faith Formation registration forms are available in the Narthex to sign up for next year's many different faith formation programs offered for children and youth. **Please help us eliminate postage expenses by picking up your forms at the registration table.** Blank registration forms are available through the parish office and soon to be on our web-site. There are some changes to next year's faith formation programs and choirs, so please read the cover letter carefully.



CARNATIONS

Next Sunday, May 9, is Mother's Day. For Maine Right to Life selling carnations on Mother's day has been the organization's major fund-raising event of the year. For many years our parish has always bought them outright and distributed them to mothers after each Mass.

The other parishes in our cluster have always had volunteer parishioners sell them for a \$1.00 suggested donation as parishioners left after Mass. For several reasons we have decided to conform to this same practice.

We hope you will be gracious and generous in your support of Maine Right to Life and its continuing efforts to help expectant mothers and their unborn babies.

Vacation Bible School Registration now open!



Come on board and join us for a High Seas Expedition - the Vacation Bible School where kids sail on an adventure through God's Word. St. Bartholomew Parish and St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish are joining forces for the 10th year to bring a sea of friends together August 2-6 to come aboard for a High Seas Expedition at St. Bartholomew Church! We will listen to great stories about Jesus, make cool crafts, sing fun songs, play zany games, and celebrate with Mass and a BBQ! Get ready for the most enriching, rewarding, and faith-filled Vacation Bible School experience yet! For more info **especially if you want to help with decorating, or volunteer for one of our activity centers**, please contact Julie Rieger (899-3120). **Look for our registration table in the Narthex. Our next decorating day is Tuesday, May 11th 6-8pm. We need all hands on deck!!**

Jr. YM & YM Volunteer Opportunities

This summer, we have a number of volunteer opportunities for youth entering grades 7-12.

- ☆ Here, at St. Bart's, we are trying to put our Baptism record book on-line. If you are skilled with the computer and can give 1-2 hours a week, we need you!
- ☆ If you are creative either with arts & crafts or drama, we need you to help transform St. Bart's into the High Seas! Those that like drama can participate in our daily skits during our VBS August 2-6.

I hope that you will answer God's call and use your talents to further Christ's mission! Contact Kathy Williamson if you can help.



FOOD CUPBOARD

Our first venture into a "supper fundraiser" was a huge success. Thanks to Jim Welch and his fellow K of C members, and Glenna Goulet for the cornbread, we had a Bean Supper on Friday the 16th of April. We had well over 130 attendees and raised \$573.00. The food was so good folks are asking for another event. Thanks to Food Cupboard volunteers Anita Taylor, Mark & Anne Andrews, Steve & Celine Sedgeley, Kevin Conroy, and Bruce & Dianne Gooley for all their help.

This week we recieved a 450 food supply from The Good Shepherd. It seems that a group in Portland collected the items and wanted them to go to Portland area pantries. The goods went up to Auburn in error, but GSFb sent them to us. Great items, coffee, peanut butter, etc.

We also received our quarterly shipment of USDA food items, just in time. We ere getting low on certain items.

WE NEED: TUNA FISH, PEANUT BUTTER, CHICKEN NOODLE SOUP, AND BAKED BEANS. PLEASE.

Check the bulletin board in the narthex for a trip to the National Shrine of the Divine Mercy in Stockbridge, MA and two trips to St. Anne de Beaupre in Canada

Continued from April 25th bulletin: Our ongoing adult education focus presents a glossary of Catholic Words from the Catechism of the Catholic Church which has been composed with reference to the language of the Catechism itself: the numbers in parentheses refer to the number(s) in the Catechism where the term or concept is explained.

EPISCOPAL/EPISCOPATE: Pertaining to the office of bishop (Greek: *episkopos*), hence episcopal consecration, the episcopal college, episcopal conferences (883, 887, 1557). "Episcopate" is a collective noun referring to all those who have received sacramental ordination as bishops.

EREMITICAL LIFE: The life of a hermit, separate from the world in praise of God and for the salvation of the world, in the silence of solitude, assiduous prayer, and penance (920).

HOLY CROSS SCHOOL

Support our Odyssey of the Mind Team and Nonesuch Books!

One of our Odyssey of the Mind teams qualified to represent Holy Cross School and South Portland at the World Finals to be held this year at Michigan State University. In order to do this, they must raise enough money to travel to Michigan. Please join them on Wednesday May 12 from 6:00-8:00 as they hold a Bake Sale/Book Fair at Nonesuch Books in Millcreek. A percentage of the total sales will be donated to the team. Please come out and support your OM team members as they try to raise money for their trip to World Finals in Michigan. This is a great time to get your summer reading books and help our school as well as a generously supportive local business! Hope to see you all there!

8th grade Car Wash

Our 8th grade class is raising money for their yearend class trip, The Mystery Trip. They will be holding 2 car washes at NAPA in Mill Creek on Saturday May 8th and Saturday June 5th from 9-1. Please drop by to get your car or truck washed and to support our 8th graders. Thank you.

Applications for Holy Cross School and all tuition information are now available at www.study.holycrossme.com.

**Catherine McAuley High School
2010 Summer Camps**

If your daughter is between the ages of 9-15, she is invited to participate in McAuley's 2010 athletic, academic, and fine arts summer camp offerings:

Lacrosse – June 28-July 2 / \$150 one week

Softball – June 28-July 2 / \$150 one week

Topscore Basketball – July 5-9 and July 12-16

\$150 one week / \$275 two weeks

Musical Theater – July 12-16 / \$250 one week

Soccer – July 19-23 / \$150 one week

Field Hockey – July 19-23 / \$150 one week

Study Skills – July 26-30 / \$150 one week

FMI, please call 797-3802 or access www.mcauleyhs.org.

Insert Morning Connections

Mass Intentions for the Week

- Monday, May 3**
 9:00 AM Eucharistic Service
- Tuesday, May 4**
 8:30 AM Deceased family members
 Requested by a parishioner
- Wednesday, May 5**
 9:00 AM Eucharistic Service
- Thursday, May 6**
 8:30 AM †Paul V. Johnston
 Requested by Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Vandt
- Friday, May 7**
 9:00 AM Eucharistic Service
- Sunday, May 9**
 9:00 AM †Col. Jack R. Pilk
 Requested by his family
 11:00 AM †Sharon Adams
 Requested by Mike and Kathy Rauth

Servers

Sunday May 9th

	<u>9:00 AM</u>	<u>11:00 AM</u>
Altar Ser	E.Dineen	E.Canarie
	H.Dineen	A.Godfrey
Euch Min	M.Gilchrest	L.Brennan
	D.Maddaleni	D.Canarie
	T.Meyers	M.FitzGerald
	VACANT	M.Rauth
	G.Prince	P.Yantakosol
Lector	P.Russell	C.Tierney
Ushers	P.Gagnon	M.Staszko

COFFEE AND DONUTS IN THE PARISH HALL



Coffee and donuts are served each week after Sunday Mass during the school year. Please stay. catch up with old friends, and meet new ones.

Coffee Servers

May 2	9 Mass	Carl Best
	11 Mass	Scott Morin family
May 9	9 Mass	McDonald/Koller families
	11 Mass	Vozzelli family

After ten years of coordinating the schedule for Sunday Coffee and Donuts, Gail Atkins will be retiring from this ministry in June. Gail is **looking for someone to take over this ministry** and will help to set them up for the 2010-2011 coffee and donut season which begins in September 2010. Please contact Gail in the parish office.



Please join us at **St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish on Thursday, May 6th from 7pm to 8 pm** for an Hour of Prayer for our nation. This date is the **59th National Day of Prayer**. Millions will unite in prayer at thousands of events from coast to coast. In scripture we read; **“The LORD is good, a refuge in times of trouble. He cares for those who trust in Him.”** Nahum 1:7.

We will be praying the Rosary and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy before the Blessed Sacrament. The theme for this year is **“Prayer for Such a Time as This.”** We hope you will join us for this powerful hour of prayer for our nation.

**Meditation Group to Meet Monthly
Day or Evening Gatherings Offered**

“I will meditate on all your works and consider all your mighty deeds.” (Psalm 77:12)

Curious about meditation and how it can be incorporated into your spiritual practice or are you someone who meditates regularly? Come to the Cluster 22 Meditation Group and learn more. Each gathering will include a brief discussion, a guided meditation and time for silent meditation in peaceful surroundings. Our **May gatherings will meet in the Teen Room at St. Bart’s on Weds. May 5th at 9:30am and Thurs. May 20th at 7:00pm.** Contact Kathy Sheehan for more information 799-2447.



On the feast of Pentecost, the men of St. Bartholomew come together to lead The Song at liturgy. "The Brethren" will practice on Tuesday, 5/11 and 18, 7:00-8:30, and at the 9:00 Mass on 5/23. **MEN**, come sing the Birthday of the Church!

PARISH LIFE COMMISSION WANTS YOUR INPUT

- The Parish Life Committee mission is to support the heart of the Christian Community by strengthening the relationships of individuals and families within our Parish, by involving all members of our church in fellowship.
- People may not know that we host annual events like: Oktoberfest, Apple Crisp making for the Soup Kitchen, Senior Luncheon, Advent Wreath Making, Easter Egg Hunt, Game Nights, and the Volunteer Appreciation Reception.
- We would like to add a few events to our calendar, to continue to help bring our Parish family together. We have thought about BBQ’s, movie nights, family game night, etc... but we would love to hear from our fellow Parishioners.

People can contact Heather Mullen by email at mhemullen@yahoo.com or put your suggestions in the suggestion box in the narthex.



THE SANCTUARY LAMP WILL BURN THIS
WEEK May 2-8

**For the soul of Wayne Tyler
Requested by the Scott Morin family**

The sanctuary candle will burn for one week as a continuous prayer before God. If anyone would like to schedule the Sanctuary Lamp for an upcoming week, please call the parish office at 799-5528. Donation is \$10.



The **Women’s Group** meets on **Tuesdays at 10 am.** All women of the parish are welcome.

NEEDS

St Vincent de Paul Soup Kitchen has no men's trousers in our store room! We need **men's work trousers or blue jeans, sizes 32 through 42 waist**, as quickly as possible. Please, no dress or fancy pants! There is a bin in the narthex. Call Charlene Hagen 883-1645 for information.

My Sister’s Keeper welcomes **clean, new or gently used spring and summer apparel** for the clothing closet. My Sister’s Keeper Annual **“Clothes Out” giveaway** for any woman in need of gently used clothing (Various sizes, some shoes, coats etc.) **Friday, May 7 noon to 2:00p.m.**

Join the Faith Formation Committee

Do you want to help determine what faith formation groups, retreats, and events we will offer to adults this year? Are you on fire with God’s Word and want to share that with others in our parish? Would you like to support the faith formation for children and youth, but can’t be a catechist? Then, join the Faith Formation Committee. **Our next meeting is on Monday, May 10th at 7:00pm at St. Bartholomew.** We will be discussing next year’s calendars and budgets for all faith formation programs including those for adults. And, we will do some initial planning for the St. Bartholomew Summer Festival. If interested in joining, please contact either Trish Morin (767-5978) or Susan Leighton (799-2156) for more information.

St. Bartholomew’s Summer Festival



Remember the dunk tank from last year? We’ve set the date for our summer festival on **Saturday, Sep. 11th.** This is a fun-filled family day complete with a volleyball tournament with prizes, musical entertainment, snack bar, a cake walk, carnival games for kids, face painting, and an indoor card or Bingo tournament. We need some key people to facilitate publicity, volleyball tournament, prize donations, food, children’s activities, and indoor card or Bingo tournament. **If you can help in one of these areas, please contact Kathy Williamson and come to our first organizational meeting in conjunction with the Faith Formation Committee meeting on Monday, May 10th at 7:00 pm at St. Bartholomew.**